

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:           Cechan (nmi) Tian et al.  
Serial No.:                   10/695,711  
Filing Date:                October 29, 2003  
Group Art No.:             2613  
Confirmation No.:          5574  
Title:                        Method and System for Increasing Network Capacity in an  
                                  Optical Network

**Mail Stop: Amendments**  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. The present Application was filed after June 30, 2003. Therefore, under the July 11, 2003, waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications listed in the attached PTO-1449 form are not enclosed. Copies of all other references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. No representation is made that a search has been made, that these references are material to patentability, or that these references qualify as prior art.

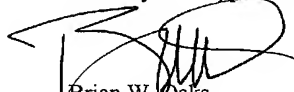
**REMARKS**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants believe this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Official Action. Therefore, Applicants believe no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Attorneys for Applicants



Brian W. Oaks  
Reg. No. 44,981

Date: May 24, 2006

Correspondence Address:

**Customer Number**

**05073**

<b>PTO-1449</b>  <b>Information Disclosure Citation In an Application</b>	Application No. <b>10/695,711</b>		Applicant(s) <b>Cechan (nmi) Tian et al.</b>	
	Docket Number <b>064731.0378</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2613</b>	Filing Date <b>October 29, 2003</b>	

### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
<b>A</b>	6,348,984	02/19/2002	Mizrahi	359	124	11/05/1998
<b>B</b>	2003/0091274	05/15/2003	Vohra et al.	385	24	11/04/2002
<b>C</b>						
<b>D</b>						
<b>E</b>						
<b>F</b>						
<b>G</b>						
<b>H</b>						
<b>I</b>						
<b>J</b>						
<b>K</b>						

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE (month/day/year)	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
<b>L</b>	EP 1 077 552	08/04/2000	European Patent Office				X
<b>M</b>							
<b>N</b>							
<b>O</b>							

### NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT (Including Author, Title, Source, and Pertinent Pages)	DATE
<b>P</b>	Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration (PCT Rule 44.1) mailed May 3, 2006, re International Application No. PCT/US2004/016826.2, 4 pages	Date Mailed 05/03/2006
<b>Q</b>		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.	

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DAL01:907432.1